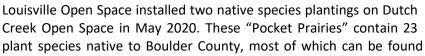
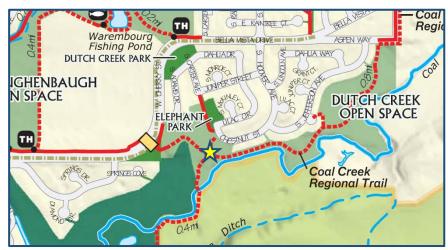
Guide to the Dutch Creek Pocket Prairies





naturally occurring on Louisville Open Space properties with native plant communities, such as Davidson Mesa and Aquarius. Open Space staff selected species to include a variety of flower colors, bloom periods, and plant architectures. The species mix is intended to provide aesthetic beauty throughout the year and pollinator resources for the duration of the growing season. Native plant species are low-maintenance, drought tolerant, and support native pollinator communities, making them excellent choices for Louisville gardens. You can visit the Pocket Prairies at the trail intersection south of Elephant Park (see star on map).





Left: The site prior to planting. Center: The beds under construction. Right: Planting day!





The Pocket Prairies were covered with blooms in August 2020!

Dutch Creek Pocket Prairies Plant List

Wildflowers (Forbs)

Nodding Onion (Allium cernuum)



Perennial Flowers: Pink Height: 6–12"

Small-leaf Pussytoes (Antennaria parvifolia)



Perennial Flowers: White Height: 3–6"

Fringed Sage (Artemisia frigida)



Perennial Flowers: Yellow Height: 6–9"

Prairie Sage (Artemisia Iudoviciana)



Perennial Flowers: Yellow Height: 12–24"

Rocky Mountain Beeplant (Peritoma serrulata)



Annual Flowers: Pink Height: 12–48''

Sulphur Buckwheat (*Eriogonum umbellatum*)



Perennial Flowers: Yellow Height: 6–12''

Blanket Flower (Gaillardia aristata)



Perennial Flowers: Yellow-Orange Height: 12–24"

Prairie Smoke (*Geum triflorum*)



Perennial Flowers: Pink Height: 6–18"

Blue Flax (Linum lewisii)



Perennial Flowers: Blue Height: 6–12"

Beebalm (Monarda fistulosa)



Perennial Flowers: Lavender/Magenta Height: 12–24"

White Evening-Primrose (*Oenothera caespitosa*)



Perennial Flowers: White Height: 6"

Howard's Evening-Primrose (*Oenothera howardii*)



Perennial Flowers: Yellow Height: 6"

One-sided Penstemon (Penstemon secundiflorus)



Perennial Flowers: Pink/Lavender Height: 6–18"

Blue Mist Penstemon (Penstemon virens)



Perennial Flowers: Blue Height: 6–12"

Prairie Coneflower (Ratibida columnifera)



Perennial Flowers: Yellow/Orange Height: 12–30"

Black-eyed Susan (Rudbeckia hirta)



Perennial Flowers: Yellow Height: 12–30''

Giant Goldenrod (Solidago gigantea)



Perennial Flowers: Yellow Height: 36–60"

Smooth Blue Aster (Symphyotrichum laeve)



Perennial Flowers: Blue Height: 24–48''

Porter Aster (Symphyotrichum porteri)



Perennial Flowers: White Height: 12–24"

Western Spiderwort (*Tradescantia occidentalis*)



Perennial Flowers: Purple Height: 12–24"

<u>Grasses</u>

Sideoats Grama (Bouteloua curtipendula)



Perennial Height: 24–48"

Blue Grama (Bouteloua gracilis)



Perennial Height: 6–12"

Alkali Sacaton (Sporobolus airoides)



Perennial Height: 24–48"